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Appl. No. 10/671,438

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the Rejections of the Office Action and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of Applicants' remarks below.

Remarks Regarding Claim Amendments

Applicants amended claims 74 and 77 to correct typographical errors. No new matter is added by the amendments and their entry is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on November 18, 2010. The interview was between the undersign (Eric Sinn, Reg. No. 40,177) and Examiner Sanza L. McClendon.

All of the pending claims, which are claims 21-25 and 68-78, were discussed.

Also discussed were the re-issue oaths.

Agreement was reached with respect to the claim objections. The Examiner has agreed to withdraw the claim objections.

Agreement was reached with respect to the re-issue oath. The Examiner stated that Applicants can fix the defective oath by entering a new oath/declaration with an error statement which does not include claim numbers.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and remain very appreciative of her guidance.

Remarks Regarding Reissue Oath/Declaration

The Office Action stated that the oath is defective because of (1) a defective error statement and (2) the lack of claim to foreign priority. Following the Examiner's guidance during the interview of November 18, 2010, Applicants have amended the inventor's oath/declaration exactly as the Examiner requested. First, an error statement which does not refer to claim numbers was inserted into each oath/declaration from the multiple assignee and inventors. Second, form PTO/SB/02B claiming foreign priority has been included with every oath/declaration.

In summary, Applicants thank the Examiner for clarifying the defects of the previously submitted oath/declaration. Applicants have submitted a new oath/declaration with corrections which are exactly as the Examiner suggested. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the oath/declaration in this Application.

Remarks Regarding Claim Rejection

Claims 21-25 stand rejected because they were alleged to be based on a defective oath/declaration. As stated above, Applicants have resubmitted an oath/declaration that has been corrected as the Examiner has specified. Therefore, this rejection is moot and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Remarks Regarding Claim Objections

The claims were objected to as having improper formatting. Applicants thank the Examiner for her guidance and thank the Examiner for indicating that the claims do not have to

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be amended. Applicants are appreciative of the Examiner's help in this matter and respectfully request, therefore, that the Examiner withdraw this claim objection.

CONCLUSION

Having fully responded to the pending Office Action, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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